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SUBJECT: OUSTER OF ASIAN BUSINESSMEN

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- 1. APPROXIMATELY 126 NON-KENYAN BUSINESSMEN (VIRTUALLY ALL ASIANS) RECENTLY RECEIVED QUIT NOTICES FROM GOK. IN REVIEWING LIST, EMB DID NOT NOTICE ANY INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS WITH WHICH EXIMBANK OR OPIC ENJOY CURRENT TRANSACTIONS.
- 2. LEST EXIMBANK CONFUSE GOK AFRICANIZATION POLICY WITH MASS EXILE OF ASIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY FROM UGANDA IN EARLY 1970'S, EMB WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT KENYAN NON-CITIZENS CONCERNED HAVE BEEN SMALL RETAILERS AND OTHERS IN DISTRIBUTION SECTOR. PROGRAM CALLS FOR GRADUAL REPLACEMENT OF NON-KENYAN PROPRIETORS BY AFRICAN MANAGEMENT THROUGH FAIR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR TRANSFERRED ASSETS. QUIT NOTICES RARELY CARRY ABRUPT DEPARTURE DEADLINES; OWNERS ARE AWARE WELL IN ADVANCE AND GIVEN OPPORTUNITY IN MANY CASES TO CONSIDER COMPETITIVE BIDS.

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3. SPECIFIC ASIAN FAMILIES OF INTEREST TO EXIMBANK -MEHTA AND MADHVANI -- REPRESENT WELL-ESTABLISHED, LARGE
HOLDING COMPANIES WITH JOINT INVESTMENTS WITH GOK.
ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALS IN THESE CONCERNS MAY EXPRESS PRIVATE
SYMPATHY WITH DISPOSSESSED CO-NATIONALS, GOK QUIT NOTICE
POLICY CONSTITUTES MINIMAL THREAT TO EITHER GROUPING.

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